able to start their projects on account of long gestation period and the size of capital investment with a Prohibitive debt burdeiu and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken/ proposed to be taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMTLA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The private power policy of Government of India has been widely accepted, both, toy domestic investors as well as. inter-national investors, as is evidenced from the 195 expressions of interest received from private investors. The policy provides, inter-alia, tax holiday in respect of 100 per cent taxable profits in the first five years, and 30 per cent taxable profits in the following five years for power plants commencing commercial operation before March 31, 1998. The customs duty for import of power equipment has been reduced to 20 per cent and this rate has also been extended to machinery required for modernisation and renovation of power plants.

Since power projects are capital intensive and also required several statutory as well as non-statutory clearances, some time is bound to be required before construction work on the projects could start.

Tehri Project

8116. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI;

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether It is a fact that the construction work of Tehri Project is being carried out by Government continuously;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on the construction; work *of said* project to March 1995;

(c) whether the size and shape of Tehri projjeet has since been imalis-ed by Government; and

(d') if so, what is the estimated amount of the total project expenditure as per the final decision taken regarding construction of the project and by when it is to *be* completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI MATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The construction work of Tehri Project is being carried out by Tehri Hydro Development Cor poration .

(b) A sum of about Rs. 909 crores (provisional) hag been spent on the project tin March, 1995.

(c) and (d) The Tehri Dam Hydroelectric Project (4x250MW) Stage I has been approved at a cost of Rs. 2963.66 crores (March, 1993 price level) for being completed by March, 1999.

Penally for delay in power supply in Maharashtra State Electricity Board by Enron

6117. SHEI SANATAN BISI; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

W whether it is a fact that, as per the agreement, Enron will pay penalties for any delay in supply of power to Maharashtra State Electricity Board; and

(fa) if so, the details of such penalties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As. per the Agreement, Dabhol Power Company is to complete Phase